



CALIFORNIA TELEHEALTH NETWORK

February 24, 2012

Marlene H. Dortch, Secretary
Federal Communications Commission (FCC)
445 12th Street, SW, Room TW-B204
Washington, DC 20554

Re: Notice of Ex Parte in WC Docket No. 02-60, California Telehealth Network

Madam Secretary:

In accordance with Section 1.1206 of the Commission's rules, 47 C.F.R. 1.1206, we hereby provide notice of an oral ex parte presentation in connection with the above captioned proceeding. On Wednesday, February 22, 2012, Carol Matthey, Deputy Chief of the Wireline Competition Bureau met with the California Telehealth Network (CTN) Board of Directors Earl Ferguson, Director of the Southern Sierra Telehealth Network, Sunne McPeak, President and CEO of the California Emerging Technology Fund, and Andie Patterson, Assistant Director of Policy of the California Primary Care Association; and CTN Staff Eric Brown, President & CEO, Cindy Morton, Chief Operating Officer, Geordi Royston, Billing Analyst, Megan Shull, Program Associate CTEC, and Sandra Simpson, Executive Assistant to President & CEO met in person at the CTN February Board Meeting held at the Governor's Council Room in the California State Capitol in Sacramento, California.

The CTN Board of Directors and Staff were updated on the Universal Service Reform and the Rural Health Care Program

The key topics discussed are as follows:

- CTN requested FCC consideration of additional Rural Health Care Pilot Program (RHCPP) funding to supplement the original \$22.1 million award.
- CTN disclosed that CTN member sites are selecting higher capacity broadband circuits than originally envisioned and that the fastest growing circuit speed tends to be 10 mbps for Community Clinics and Federally Qualified Health Centers, with 45 mbps circuits for district and regional hospitals, 45 mbps and 100 mbps for major medical centers. These higher bandwidth needs are driving the request for more CTN funding.
- CTN board also suggested the FCC consider simplifying the administrative process to participate in future rural health care subsidy programs commenting that in particular, the IT infrastructure supporting transactions and filings for the RHCPP are burdensome and not up to date with current technology.

CTN is committed to the shared goal of providing quality health care through the deployment of broadband to rural and underserved communities throughout California. If you have questions or need additional information, please contact me.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read "Eric P. Brown".

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Enclosures

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